



Lead Line

*A Newsletter for Childhood
Lead Poisoning Prevention Professionals*



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Connecticut Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Forms Task Force to Eliminate Lead Poisoning

The CT CLPPP has progressed to a point where a statewide, comprehensive lead elimination plan is critical to achieve the CDC's Healthy People 2010 goal of childhood lead poisoning elimination. The program has been receiving funding from the CDC since 1992 to conduct its lead poisoning prevention activities, with local programs receiving guidance and assistance from the state.

Since that time, practices have been instituted to ensure proper medical and environmental management of children with elevated blood lead levels. The adoption of the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Regulations in September 1992 gave increased authority and power

to the state and local health authorities to enforce investigation and abatement standards. State funds were allocated in 1994 for two regional lead treatment centers—Yale New Haven and Hartford.



To reach this 2010 goal and complete a comprehensive elimination plan by June 2004, the CT CLPPP has convened a statewide task force

of public health professionals and other partners from throughout the state to identify the methods and strategies for making this objective a reality in Connecticut over the next six years. Members represent a wide array of agencies and organizations, including: Access Agency in Willimantic, Department of Education, Department of Social Services, State's Attorney's Office, Fairfield University School of Nursing, local health departments, and the Connecticut Commission on Children. The group held its first meeting February 19th and will meet again on April 1st. Stay tuned for more.

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Governor Names New Public Health Commissioner

In November 2003, Governor John Rowland named Dr. J. Robert Galvin of Glastonbury to serve as the next commissioner of the Department of Public Health. Dr. Galvin began his duties December 1.

Dr. Galvin's career has given him broad experience in the field of medicine and public health. He has been a physician since 1965. Since then he has served as a primary care physician, has practiced emergency medi-

cine and aviation medicine. He is retired from the U.S. Army where he attained the rank of Brigadier General and received eight individual decorations, including the Legion of Merit and *continued on page 2*

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New Haven Health Department Participates in Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy of Environmental Justice Celebration

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In observance and recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy of Environmental Justice, family festive celebrations were held at The Peabody Museum of Natural History, January 19 - 20, and at the Wexler Grant School, January 20. The New Haven Health Department presented informational materials to parents and children concerning lead poisoning prevention in an effort to keep awareness of this hazard in the community high and to

help keep our children safe.

Like many urban areas throughout the country, lead based paint is still prevalent in many of the older homes in the city of New Haven. The Health Department, by continuing its cooperative efforts with other agencies such as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Yale University, and the State Department of Public Health believes that keeping children and parents educated about prevention

leads, in turn, to keeping children safe from the severe health hazards that lead poisoning presents to children.

In addition to the Martin Luther King holiday events, the New Haven Health Department will participate in a variety of local community health fairs, cultural events, and school presentations. In each event, inspectors will set-up the department's presentation display and encourage participants to partake in informational materials and ask questions in order to equip families with strategies that help to reduce their risk of becoming lead poisoned.

Public Health Commissioner

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the Bronze Star for combat service in Viet Nam.

"Dr. Galvin is an experienced doctor with keen understanding of the public health issues facing our state. His background, including his military service, fits perfectly into our post September 11 view of public health and public safety. I think he will be an important asset," Governor Rowland said.

Dr. Galvin received his medical degree from Tufts University in 1964 and graduated from the Army War College in 1983. He received a Masters in Public Health from the University of Connecticut in 1996 and currently has twenty-four credits toward a Masters of Business Administration from UCONN. Dr. Galvin has also served as a professor at the UCONN School of Medicine.

Announcements

The City of New London Lead Hazard Reduction Program is offering a One-Day Lead Worker Training class on March 15, 2004.

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If you have any upcoming events or trainings you would like to publicize, contact Ana Chambers at: Ana.Chambers@po.state.ct.us or 860-509-7277.

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